

ABSTRACT

A basket featuring a main body with a product capture reception area, a side wall, a bailing extension fixed to the side wall and a capture hook device fixed to the side wall. The capture hook device includes capture hook sections that are circumferentially spaced apart about the circumference of the main body of the basket and designed to engage a pot configured to receive the basket. In one embodiment, the basket capture hook device features a monolithic member with a common back wall that conforms to the curvature of the main body of the basket and from which common back wall the capture hook segments radially extend out from. In another embodiment, the capture hook segments are independent and separated circumferentially on said basket and designed to provide a locking function for a predetermined diameter reception pot. In a preferred embodiment, the basket is a turkey fryer basket and the capture hooks are of a material sufficient to support the weight of a previously oil immersed turkey and the basket includes drainage/steaming holes. The invention also includes a drain valve secured to the pot for drain off of cooking fluid. The combination of the basket capture device for drain off of cooking fluid and the drain thus provides a low mess cooking apparatus.